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TAGS: OVIP (FOREIGN MINISTER BOUCETTA); MO

SUBJECT: VISIT OF MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOUCETTA

1. AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN MARCH 6 REQUESTED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FOR FOREIGN MINISTER BOUCETTA TO DELIVER WRITTEN MESSAGE FROM KING HASSAN. ALTHOUGH TIME PERIOD ORIGINALLY SPECIFIED WAS END OF CURRENT WEEK, BENGELLOUN SUBSEQUENTLY SAID BOUCETTA COULD REMAIN IN WASHINGTON THROUGH MARCH 14, IF NECESSARY TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT.

2. SECRETARY HAS OFFERED, AND ON BEHALF OF BOUCETTA BENGELLOUN HAS ACCEPTED, INVITATION TO SMALL WORKING LUNCHEON AT DEPARTMENT AT 12:30 ON SATURDAY, MARCH 11.

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3. BENGELLOUN INFORMED THAT APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT BEING REQUESTED BUT THAT RESPONSE UNCERTAIN AND DEPARTMENT CANNOT PREDICT WHEN DECISION WILL BE MADE BY WHITE HOUSE. BENGELLOUN RESPONDED NEGATIVELY TO INFORMAL SUGGESTION THAT BOUCETTA CONSIDER LEAVING MESSAGE WITH SECRETARY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO PRESIDENT.

4. U.S. RESPONSE TO MOROCCAN ARMS REQUEST, WHICH IS DESCRIBED SEPTEL, SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO BOUCETTA ASAP, AND BY ALL MEANS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR U.S. DURING

THAT MEETING PLEASE TRY TO LEARN WHAT YOU CAN ABOUT BOUCETTA'S VISIT TO U.S., INCLUDING WHATEVER HE IS WILLING TO REVEAL ABOUT CONTENTS OF MESSAGE HE IS TO BRING FROM KING. VANCE

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